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US dismisses hope of UN action on Syria

UNITED NATIONS, August 28, 2013 (AFP) - The United States on Wednesday ruled out a last-minute bid for UN Security Council action over chemical weapons attacks in Syria, heightening expectations of a Western military strike.

As UN inspectors gather evidence of alleged poison gas attacks near Damascus, world powers have wrangled over the threat of military action against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

Syria's nervous neighbors meanwhile stepped up their preparations for conflict as a strike appeared imminent.

Israel authorized a partial call-up of army reservists, Turkey said its forces were on heightened "vigilance," and New York oil hit the highest level -- \$112.24 per barrel -- for more than two years.

"The region is like a gunpowder depot," Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei warned in a condemnation of the West's reported military plans.

Britain proposed a resolu-

tion to other UN Security Council permanent members -- the United States, France, Russia and China -- calling for "all necessary measures to protect civilians" in Syria after the alleged chemical weapons attack last week.

The resolution could give a legal basis to any military action.

But the United States quickly dismissed any hope of success because of Russia's staunch opposition to any UN move to pressure the Syrian government, a close ally of Moscow.

"We see no avenue forward, given continued Russian opposition to any meaningful Council action on Syria," State Department deputy spokeswoman Marie Harf said in Washington.

"We cannot be held up in responding by Russia's continued intransigence at the United Nations, and quite frankly the situation is so serious that it demands a response," Harf said.

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Aruba pays tribute to those lost at sea

Though many modern fishing rigs line island harbors, the time-honored tradition of Aruban men going out to sea to make a living or put food on the table in small wooden boats, as depicted in Hemingway's "The Old Man and The Sea" is still very much a part of island culture, done as it was a century ago. The love of fishing and the camaraderie of challenging the whims of the waters has been passed down through generations of island fisherman, most of them members of the Centro Hadicurari fishing community.

On Tuesday afternoon, August 27, Aruba's Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber, who has also taken on the upgrading and modernization of the Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fishing, along with Centro Hadicurari, was joined by Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman in unveiling a monument to Aruba's Fisherman Lost at Sea. The symbolic sculpture sits on Governor's Beach in Oranjestad.

Island artists were asked to submit proposals for the piece, and the design of Gilbert Sencu and Fernando Vermeer was selected. The combination of metal and inlaid marble depicts a compass of the world with Aruba's famous four-pointed star, which decorates our



The Monument

flag, dominating the base. The base of the monument will be inscribed with the names of the 42 fisherman known to be lost at sea, with the expectation of more to follow when families come

forth with histories of others.

The families of the first 42 were present for the unveiling of the new monument, as well as a number of island dignitaries.

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After September 19, the office will be open during normal working hours.

Obama : no decision yet on Syria strike

WASHINGTON (AFP) – President Barack Obama said Wednesday he had not yet decided whether to attack Syria, but that any US action would be a warning that "it better not" use chemical arms again.

Obama said that his government had concluded that President Bashar al-Assad's regime was behind the horrific attack on civilians in a Damascus suburb last week that killed hundreds of people.

But he clearly signaled that expected US punitive

strikes would be limited in scope, and would not be an attempt to tip the balance between Assad's forces and rebels who have waged a bloody two-year civil war.

"I have not made a decision," Obama told PBS NewsHour, when asked how close he was to signing off on US military action against Syria.

Obama said however that he had concluded that "direct military engagement, involvement in the civil war in Syria, would not help the situation on the ground."

Given that limited vision for US military action in the country, Obama was asked what would be the strategic rationale behind a US assault, likely to take place with cruise missiles fired from US and allied ships and submarines.

He said that by the end of the engagement, the Syrian government "will have received a pretty strong signal that it better not do it again."

A new trade organization for small businesses, YES, introduced to the community



YES Founders with Gina Habibe of Aruba Bank

Three enterprising young men, Hasvin Daryanani, Ramsis Arends and Kawish Misier were introduced to island media on Tuesday afternoon, August 27, by the Executive Director of Aruba Bank, which is sponsoring their official launch, Gina Habibe.

President of the Young Entrepreneurs Stichting (Foundation) of Aruba, or YES, explained that their mission is a cooperative aimed at the "X and Y generation" who are founding micro and small businesses that are the backbone of the island's economy. "We aim to give fledgling entrepreneurs the advantages of networking as well as collective representation that presently only exist for medium to large companies," explained Mr. Daryanani.

Ms. Habibe of Aruba Bank stated they were proud to sponsor this effort by this group of young, innovative entrepreneurs. During Aruba's first convention of the National Council of Innovation and Competitiveness, NCIC, Mr. Misier first proposed such an association of

micro and small vendors, which was heartily endorsed by the Director of the Aruba Trade and Industry Association at the time, Joyce Bartels-Daal. This inspired the three young founders of YES to make this organization a reality; something they felt was sadly lacking in the island's business community.

All individuals operating micro and small businesses on Aruba, or planning to start one, are invited to the YES official launch, which will take place on Tuesday, Sep-

tember 10 at the Renaissance Convention Center in Oranjestad.

The introduction to the trade organization will begin at 5:00 PM and will feature presentations by successful local businesspersons. Entrance for the informative program is completely free of charge. For more information about the organization and the upcoming schedule, visit their website, www.yesaruba.org.

By Rosalie Klein



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Prime Minister and Minister Oduber unveil the sculpture



Minister of Infrastructure, Immigration and Environment, Mr. Benny Sevinger was invited to the podium to say a few words, as well as the PM. Expressing the grat-



Artists who created the monument Fernando Ver Meer and Gilbert Senchi

itude of all the fisherman and their families was the Director of Centro Hadicurari, Nilky Kock. Also addressing the gathering was Chantal de Cuba, whose fisherman father, Emiliando, was lost at sea in 2011. She related the weeks of worry and heart-break as an extensive search yielded no results, and commiserated with other families who have experienced this same heart-wrenching loss. Ms. de Cuba was also presented the first copy of an attractive booklet printed by Santa Rosa, Hadicurari and the Ministry of Tourism, with important information on sea safety procedures, as well as the histories of the 42 fisherman lost at sea.

Though the island authorities encourage the continuation of this

proud tradition of living from the surrounding sea in a native manner, they also recognize the inherent drawbacks of this simple wooden boats, without all the modern communications and fish detecting equipment of the new outriggers. The government also gifted all those still fishing in the traditional manner, many doing so not only for the love of the art, but also because they cannot afford such upgrades, with safety kits that are expected to increase the success rate of finding those who have gone adrift because of stalled motors.

Just before unveiling the base of the unique monu-



Min. Oduber presents Chantal de Cuba with the first book

ment, a special thanks went to Search and Rescue Foundation Aruba, SARFA, for their tireless volunteer efforts whenever a fisherman has not returned home when expected, as well as their free classes, lectures and workshops on sea safety.

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Families of fishermen lost at sea

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Social Formation Bureau Coordinator shares latest development



Jessy Ras

Last week a group of 4 young people of the Social Formation Project started a new phase in their training program. Jessy Ras, Coordinator of the project shared how the program is going up until now and what happens to the young people who begin the program but drop out.

According to Ras, there will always be those who will

drop out for a variety of reasons. There are those who cannot bear the pressure of the group. They find themselves surrounded 24 hours by other young people with different characters and this can create conflict. There are those who miss home and then there are some who for health reasons have to drop out. Ms. Ras says she keeps trying to convince them to stay in the program, and some have changed their minds and returned. If they don't have a change of heart, then those on the waiting list are called up to enroll.

The military segment of the training lasts 4 months. This is then followed with a course in training where the youngsters are thought a trade. This segment lasts 8 months. School is divided between theory and practicums. This segment is structured between the Military camp and the Enseñanza Pa Empleo. According to Ras, "My

job is to guide and stimulate these young people during the entire program."

The 5th group of the Social Formation program begins in the month of January. Registration for this program begins in October. The announcement for this new program will be in our newspapers. Young people interested in the program may collect a form at the City Hall building in Oranjestad or at any of the Annex City Hall centers, fill this out and return where it was picked up after the announcement comes out in the newspapers.

The law regarding the Social Formation Project is for young people 18 to 24 years of age who are unemployed and have not completed secondary school. This project gives them a second chance in life. This is a unique opportunity for them to find work and become useful members of the community.

Aruban Police receives special training in Crisis Management



For several years the Aruban Police Corps and the National Police of the Netherlands have maintained an excellent working relationship. This relationship has resulted in different interesting opportunities for both organizations, which includes free courses for our Police agents. Most recently the Police Force received a course titled, "Large Scale Police Intervention," from colleagues of the Rotterdam unit of the National Netherlands Police. This course has come at an opportune moment...just prior to our local election when crisis management and

all aspects beginning with the preparation, coordination, as well as when and how to make changes in management during an event in order to maintain order in a situation. Emphasis was placed on optimal preparation, concrete agreements and to ensure that everyone is cognizant of the management processes in advance. This is the second course that this unit has offered our local Police. The two organizations are discussing other courses such as for traffic, the management of accidents, as well as courses in the area of the contact center.



police action on a large scale may be required.

Interim Police Chief, Martine Vis, of the Rotterdam Police unit was one of the training facilitators. According to Vis, both Police Forces are intent on fortifying each other, exchange personnel, offer courses to each other and learn from the experiences of each other. In this case, the seminar was gauged primarily on big events such as festivals and intensive activities such as is common during election time. The course also focused on crisis moments, including calamity where many people and instances are required to work together for optimal coordination.

Dutch Commissioner Vis said that the discussions and interchange of experiences were very interesting. She shared information covering

According to Aruba Police Chief, Adolfo "Dolfi" Richardson, this course is a good follow up to the "Planning & Control" course that Holland provided a few months ago.

According to Aruba Police Chief, the investment in our human capital is extremely important, to elevate

the expertise in our organization. Our local Police agents are very pleased with the course. The course in Crisis Management is very essential. We must actualize every year because "Large Scale Police Action" is a discipline that the Police Force in general definitely needs. Aruba does not know many calamities, hence we take example from Holland and are pleased to share "good practices" with each other, according to Police Chief Richardson.

Brazil priest breaks news of fatherhood during mass

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - A priest in northeastern Brazil stunned his parishioners by announcing during mass that he would soon become the father of a little girl and leave the priesthood.

Father Geronimo Moreira, from the small town of Gaviao in Bahia state, said he fell in love with a local girl and got her pregnant.

"With time we noticed that our friendship had something more: love, but we always sought to leave it at the level of friendship," the 32-year-old priest said in a letter he read to the faithful during mass last Sunday.

"I said that if I could not keep my vow of celibacy, I would first leave the priesthood so as not to create a

scandal in the community," he said.

"Things did not turn out as I had expected and we developed a concrete relationship, and today she is pregnant and I want to assume paternity," he told the G1 news website.

Moreira met the young lady, who is now 23, in 2007 when he was still at seminary.

He told G1 that after the announcement "I was very emotional and cried a lot, and virtually the entire congregation cried as well."

The couple plan to have a Catholic wedding, but this will require permission from Pope Francis, who visited Brazil in late July to attend World Youth Day.



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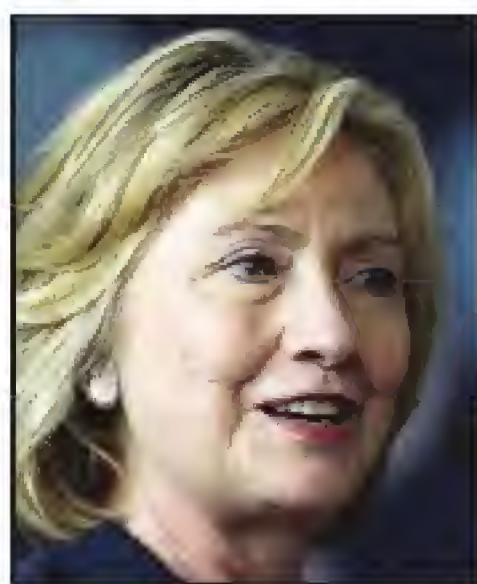
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Hillary Clinton awarded prize by Chatham House think-tank



LONDON (AFP) - Former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was voted the 2013 winner of the Chatham House Prize by the think-tank on Wednesday for her work in promoting "a new era of US diplomatic engagement".

The London-based body said Clinton, who stood down this year after four years as the top US diplomat, was

given the award "in recognition of her personal leadership in driving a new era of US diplomatic engagement and for her particular focus on promoting education and rights for women and girls".

Clinton, who is seen as the clear Democratic frontrunner for president, will be presented with the award at a ceremony in London later this year.

Previous winners include Myanmar democracy campaigner Aung San Suu Kyi and Brazil's former president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

The prize is given annually to the statesperson deemed by members of the Royal Institute of International Affairs at Chatham House to have made the most significant contribution to the improvement of international relations in the previous year.

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The spokeswoman said "no decision" had been taken on how to respond to the chemical attack, which if confirmed would be the most deadly use of such weapons since Saddam Hussein gassed Iraqi Kurds in 1988.

But Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has said American forces are ready to act if President Barack Obama gives the order, and British Prime Minister David Cameron was to make the case for targeted strikes to his country's parliament on Thursday.

A government motion to be voted by the House of Commons, however, says that no measures should be taken until UN inspectors have reported on their investigation in Syria.

The United Nations says the inspection team needs

two more days to finish their work. But it has given no deadline for reporting on whether chemical weapons have been used.

The inspectors went to the Ghouta district east of Damascus on Wednesday to collect blood, urine and hair samples from victims of an August 21 attack in which hundreds of people are said to have died.

The United States, Britain and France blame Assad's forces for the attack using chemical weapons, which are banned under an international convention.

The Syrian government has blamed the attack on "terrorist" rebels. Its UN ambassador, Bashar Jaafari, said Wednesday that Syrian soldiers had been gassed in three new incidents near Damascus since last week.

Russia, which has vetoed three UN Security Council resolutions aiming to increase pressure on Assad, has maintained its support for the government.

But it also evacuated more than 100 people from the Syrian city of Latakia on Wednesday.

Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told Britain's Foreign Secretary William Hague that the international community must wait for the UN inquiry to finish before taking any further steps, the Russian Foreign Ministry said.

In another conversation with UN Syria envoy Lakhdar Brahimi, Lavrov said Western military strikes against Assad would destabilize the entire Middle East.

The Syrian government has meanwhile defiantly

shrugged off the growing military threat.

Prime Minister Wael al-Halki accused the West of inventing excuses to intervene and warned that the country would become the "graveyard of the invaders."

"Western countries, starting with the United States, are inventing fake scenarios and fictitious alibis to intervene militarily in Syria," he was quoted as saying by state television.

UN leader Ban Ki-moon called on the international powers to head off conflict. He said more time must be given to the inspectors and made a new plea for the Security Council to overcome its divisions on Syria.

"Syria is the biggest challenge of war and peace in the world today. The body entrusted with maintaining in-

ternational peace and security cannot be missing in action," he said.

"The Council must at last find the unity to act. It must use its authority for peace," Ban said.

Ban has been a frequent critic of Assad over the conflict which erupted in March 2011 with anti-regime protests but soon escalated

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US court martial sentences Fort Hood shooter to death

FORT HOOD (AFP) - A court martial sentenced a US Army officer to death on Wednesday for carrying out an Al-Qaeda inspired mass shooting on the Fort Hood base that left 13 people dead.

After only four hours of deliberations, the forewoman of a jury of military officers, a colonel, said that it was their unanimous verdict that 42-year-old Major Nidal Hasan should be executed.

"It is my duty as president of this jury to inform you that... the court martial in closed session in a secret ballot of all members concurs to the sentences, to forfeit all pay and allowances, to dismissal from service, to be put to death," she said.

Hasan, who conducted his own defense during the trial, showed no emotion as the verdict was read.

Under the US military justice system there is an automatic appeal in capital cases, but Hasan has made no attempt to deny the charges and

court appointed defense attorneys had expressed concern that he is seeking execution.

The US-born Muslim of Palestinian descent is the first member of the army to receive a death sentence since the 2005 conviction of Hasan Akbar, who killed two in an attack on fellow soldiers in Kuwait in 2003.

On November 5, 2009, Hasan opened fire at a medical processing facility in the sprawling Fort Hood base in Texas that serves as a staging point for soldiers to deploy to combat zones.

Twelve of the dead and 30 of the wounded were soldiers. Hasan was himself shot by a civilian police officer who responded to the attack and he is now partially paralyzed.

The court had heard that Hasan was opposed to the US military's occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan, and that he had spoken online with an alleged Al-Qaeda figure, radical cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, an American citizen subsequently killed in a US drone strike in Yemen.

Following the sentence, Hasan was rushed quickly out of the military courtroom, which is in Fort Hood, to be transported back to a local civilian jail where he has been held for more than three years.

He is to be taken to military death row in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to await execution.

Muslim bloc urges 'decisive action' against Damascus

JEDDAH (AFP) - The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation on Wednesday condemned alleged poison gas attacks in Syria, blaming the government and calling for "decisive action" in response.

The world's largest grouping of Muslim nations "stressed the need to hold the Syrian government legally and morally accountable for this heinous crime and to bring its perpetrators to justice".

The OIC called on the UN Security Council to discharge its duty of preserving international security and stability, taking a unified position against this monstrous crime and its perpetrators.

"This attack is a blatant affront to all religious and moral values and a deliberate disregard of international laws and norms, which requires a decisive action," it said in a statement.

OIC chief Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu said he "remains convinced of the need to urgently work out a political solution to extricate Syria from this bloody crisis and to restore peace and security in the country."



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Obama hails King but says 'dream' requires vigilance



Obama giving his speech at the Lincoln Memorial

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama hailed Martin Luther King Jr Wednesday for saving America from oppression but said "constant vigilance" was needed to keep the civil rights icon's dream of equality alive.

Fifty years after the "I have a dream speech," Amer-

ica's first black president stood poignantly on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, where King made an appearance in 1963 which changed history.

"He offered a salvation path for oppressed and oppressors alike," Obama said, in a ringing address, which he admitted beforehand would

not match King's oratory.

"His words belong to the ages, possessing a power and prophecy unmatched in our time," Obama said.

Obama also remembered the thousands of African Americans who joined King's March on Washington to demand their rights and to wake their country's "long slumbering conscience."

The president, who has faced some criticism for not doing more to help the African American community, which remains plagued by poverty and barriers to advancement, dismissed arguments that little had changed for blacks since King spoke.

"To dismiss the magnitude of this progress, to suggest, as some sometimes do, that little has changed -- that dishonors

the courage and the sacrifice of those who paid the price to march in those years," he said.

But, in the speech below the monument honoring Abraham Lincoln, the president who ended slavery, Obama also argued that much work remained to be done for King's dream to be fulfilled.

"We would dishonor those heroes as well to suggest that the work of this nation is somehow complete," Obama said.

"The arc of the moral universe may bend towards justice, but it doesn't bend on its own.

"To secure the gains this country has made requires constant vigilance, not complacency," Obama said.

"Keep on marching," he said.

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International News

All 25,000 candidates fail Liberia university entrance test

MONROVIA (AFP) - Liberia's main public university said on Wednesday all 25,000 applicants for the new academic year had failed its entrance exam, prompting the president to describe poor education standards in the impoverished nation as a "national emergency".

The University of Liberia, which educates more than half of the country's students in the capital Monrovia, said it had been forced to admit 1,600 failed candidates for the new term which begins next month.

President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf made an impromptu call at the university to discuss the failure, her office said in a state-

ment, which described the situation as "alarming" and confirmation of a recent statement by the president that "the educational system is a mess".

The president urged the country to see the poor performance of the candidates as a "national emergency", the statement added, and called on "all Liberians, irrespective of political background" to tackle the issue of dire standards in schools.

Sirleaf was awarded the Nobel peace prize for her part in ending Liberia's ruinous back-to-back civil wars in 2003, but has been criticised for her failure to improve teaching since

she took office three years later.

She admitted that the situation was "embarrassing" for Liberia.

University president Emmet A. Dennis said the institution had lowered the pass mark to allow in 1,600 undergraduates and postgraduates.

Liberia is still recovering from 14 years of civil war that ended in 2003 and left the west African nation in ruins.

Widespread poverty has led to a large proportion of parents putting their children to work rather than sending them to school, according to various studies by the United Nations and other organisations.

Cuban doctors hired to care for Brazil poor booed

BRASILIA (AFP) - Cuban doctors hired to treat the poor in Brazil were booed and insulted by their Brazilian colleagues in a racially tinged incident that set off a furor Wednesday on social media networks.

President Dilma Rousseff waded into the fray the morning after the Tuesday night incident, denouncing "the huge prejudice" shown toward the Cuban doctors, who had recently arrived as part of a government program to fill vacancies in Brazil's public health system.

The incident occurred late Tuesday, when 96 foreign doctors, including 70 Cubans, showed up for a Portuguese language class and medical familiarization course.

As they arrived, they were heckled and branded as "slaves" and "incompetent" by dozens of their Brazilian counterparts in the northeastern state of Ceara.

A picture of a black Cuban doctor being verbally abused by white Brazilian colleagues went viral on social media networks, triggering widespread outrage, with many denouncing it as "shameful" and "racist."

After massive street protests in June to demand better public health services, the government launched the "More Doctors" program to fill 15,000 new posts.

According to the health ministry, this country of 194 million people has a shortage of 54,000 doctors, particularly in poor urban and rural areas.

The new government program gives priority to Brazilian doctors for the three-year posts, but also relies on foreign physicians where necessary.

Some 4,000 Cuban doctors are being hired along with hundreds of Argentine, Venezuelan, Spanish and Portuguese physicians.

British soldier dies in 1,000-metre Mont Blanc

ROME (AFP) - A British climber died on Wednesday after a 1,000-metre (3,281-foot) fall from near the peak of Mont Blanc, Italian news agency ANSA reported.

The man was identified as a member of Britain's armed forces and was said to be

climbing with a partner although the two were not roped together, the report said, citing police in Entreves near the French border.

It said he began his climb on the French side of the 4,810-metre mountain and fell on the Italian side.

A Spanish climber saw the fall and raised the alarm.

The victim's body was recovered by mountain rescue in Italy's Val d'Aosta region and taken to Courmayeur.

An investigation has been opened, the report said.

MELBOURNE (AFP) - Hundreds of mourners packed a Melbourne church Wednesday to bid farewell to an Australian baseball player killed by two teenagers in a random Oklahoma shooting that triggered a race debate. Chris Lane, 22, was gunned down in the small town of Duncan by a pair of "bored" black teens, aged 15 and 16, as he was out jogging on August 16, reviving debate sparked by the death of black



teenager Trayvon Martin in Florida last year. Lane was in the United States on a baseball scholarship and scores of his Essendon baseball clubmates formed a guard of honour outside St Therese's Catholic church for his funeral, where the steps overflowed with wreaths and flowers. According to police the pair were "bored and wanted to see someone die". A third teenager, Michael Dewayne Jones, 17, who is white, has been charged with the use of a vehicle in the discharge of a weapon and acting as an accessory after the fact.

Bolivia demands return of senator who fled to Brazil

LA PAZ (AFP) - Bolivia's President Evo Morales demanded Wednesday the return of an opposition senator who escaped to Brazil after 15 months holed up in the latter's embassy in La Paz.

The politician's escape in an embassy vehicle under the escort of Brazilian marines embarrassed President Dilma Rousseff, who replaced her foreign minister over the flap.

But Morales called on Brazil to repatriate Roger Pinto, who was sentenced to a year in prison in a corruption case.

Pinto, who had been holed up for 15 months in the Brazilian embassy in La Paz,

fled on Friday with the help of Brazilian charge d'affaires Eduardo Saboia.

Saboia sent him on a 22-hour drive Friday to the Brazilian border in an embassy vehicle, escorted by the marines but without a safe conduct pass from the Bolivian government.

An angry Rousseff said the surreptitious transfer had put Pinto's life at risk, telling reporters Tuesday: "I deeply regret that an exile was subjected to such insecurity."

Foreign minister Antonio Patriota resigned over the incident and was replaced by Luiz Alberto Figueiredo, Brazil's ambassador to the United Nations.

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Health & Living

China young adults getting fatter

BEIJING (AFP) - China's young adults are gaining more weight and exercising less than their elders, local media said on Tuesday, underscoring the fast-developing country's growing struggle with modern health problems.

Chinese from ages 20 to 39 have put on more kilograms -- 1.9 kg (4.2 pounds) -- than other adults since 2010, the General Administration of Sport found in a survey, the China Daily reported.

More than 11 percent from the age group were obese, up two percentage points in only three years.

Just over half -- 51 percent -- did not exercise regularly,



making them the country's "least active" adults.

China has seen rises in obesity and other so-called diseases of affluence as it has modernised rapidly in recent decades.

More Chinese are moving to cities where they may en-

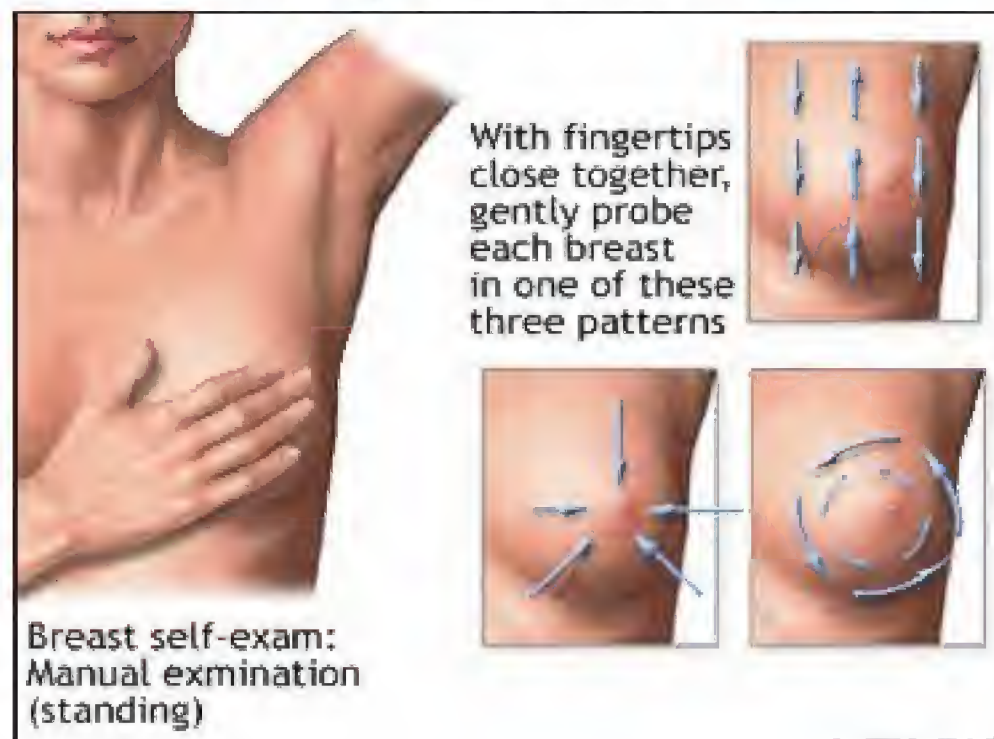
counter worse pollution, less-healthy diets, sedentary lifestyles and jobs that demand long hours.

China's leading causes of health problems now include stroke and heart disease, the medical journal Lancet said in June, citing data from 1990 to 2010.

The sports administration survey showed that 34 percent of Chinese from age 20 to 69 were overweight, almost on a par with the World Health Organization's global average of 35 percent of over-20s.

In 2008, the US journal Health Affairs said 25 percent of Chinese adults were overweight.

The Sports Administration survey looked at 43,000 adults across 10 provinces and other areas.



Breast self-exam:
 Manual examination
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Pakistan warns of polio outbreak after fresh cases

MIRANSHAH (AFP) - Health officials in Pakistan on this week warned of a serious polio outbreak after the disease was detected in 16 children in a tribal district where militant groups have banned vaccination.

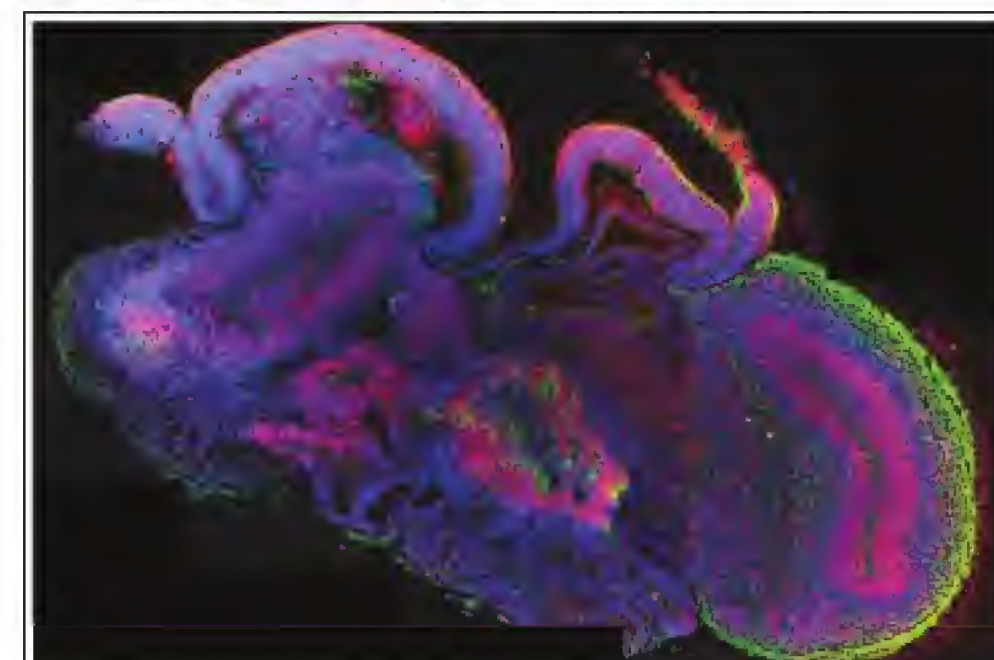
Doctor Khayal Mir Jan, the top health official in Pakistan's militant-infested North Waziristan tribal district, on the Afghan border, told AFP that thousands of children were at risk.

Pakistan is one of only three countries in the world

where the highly infectious, crippling disease remains endemic. Infections shot up from a low of 28 in 2005 to almost 200 last year.

Health officials said the disease is in danger of becoming an epidemic and voiced fears that it could spread to the neighbouring districts if vaccination was not begun immediately.

Polio (Poliomyelitis) is a viral disease that can affect nerves and can lead to partial or full paralysis.



Miniature 'human brain' grown in lab:

--Miniature "human brains" have been grown in a lab in a feat scientists hope will transform the understanding of neurological disorders. The pea-sized structures reached the same level of development as in a nine-week-old foetus, but are incapable of thought. The study, published in the journal Nature, has already been used to gain insight into rare diseases. Neuroscientists have described the findings as astounding and fascinating. The human brain is one of the most complicated structures in the universe.

Sci-Tech

Cyber attacks hit New York Times, Twitter

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - The New York Times and Twitter have been hit with cyber attacks, with credit quickly claimed by a group backing embattled Syrian strongman Bashar al-Assad.

The Syrian Electronic Army (SEA), ironically, used Twitter to tout its efforts to take down the globally popular one-to-many messaging service and the Times news website.

The trouble was resolved within two hours, according to Twitter.

The New York Times said that its website went down Tuesday due to a "malicious external attack."

Taiwan wins Apple iWatch orders

TAIPEI (AFP) - Two leading Taiwanese electronics firms that assemble products for Apple have received orders to make the highly anticipated "iWatch", an analyst and reports said.

CIMB projects 63.4 million units of "iWatch" shipments in the year after its launch with an average price of around \$199, while the "iWatch" project is estimated to contribute 19 percent of Inventec's earnings in 2014, Wang said.

Taiwan's Apple Daily newspaper said Quanta Computer was splitting the "iWatch" orders with Inventec by taking 40 percent of order allocation, citing unnamed sources.

Inventec and Quanta both declined to comment.

Wearable computing devices such as Google's Glass eye-wear are widely seen as the next frontier in consumer electronics, following the huge popularity of smartphones.

Competition in the "smart-watch" market is heating up, with Google, Microsoft and Samsung Electronics racing to develop their own watch-type computing devices.

California-based Apple last month filed a trademark application for an "iWatch" in Japan.

Apple chief Tim Cook earlier this year forecast that there will be "tons of companies playing" in the wearable computing sector.



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Skype marks 10 years of shrinking the world

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - If David Huang had left his native Taiwan for Sweden a generation ago, he would have taken a giant leap into the unknown.

Now, with the help of Skype, the 35-year-old businessman is able to reach relatives from his Stockholm home as easily as if they lived around the corner, and not half a world away.

"Skype has made work easier, but more important than that, it has enabled me to talk to my family whenever I feel like it," he said.

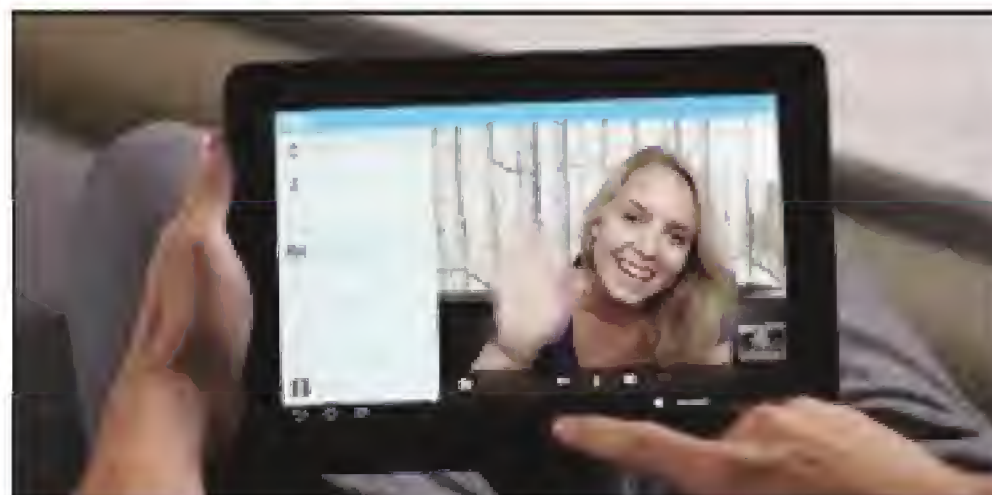
Internet messaging service Skype, which celebrates its 10th anniversary today, has shrunk the world in profound ways that few could have foreseen in 2003.

A total of 300 million users make two billion minutes of online video calls a day. And in the surest sign of success, the brand name has been turned into a verb - a rare distinction shared by the likes of Xerox and Google.

In another sign of success, Skype has spawned competitors with a host of similar technologies, most importantly Apple's FaceTime.

But revolutionary as Skype's technology may seem, it didn't start completely from scratch but built on existing communication technologies.

"We already had cheap inter-



national calling using the Internet," said Martin Geddes, a leading Britain-based telecommunications consultant.

"The significance of Skype was and is the 'Wow!' experience of high definition voice, and the sense of 'being there' with your distant friends and family in a way not possible before."

Skype was launched in late August 2003 by two Scandinavian technology entrepreneurs, Niklas Zennstroem of Sweden and Janus Friis of Denmark, who expanded on existing peer-to-peer networking technologies.

Skype, which allows its online users to make high-quality calls to each other anywhere in the world for free, quickly took off, bringing the world closer together in an age when globalisation and intercontinental travel pulled more families apart than at perhaps any other time in history.

While Skype helps people to stay in touch with those

they already know, it also enables new connections to be formed.

One example was early this year, when students aged between 11 and 15 from Woodham Academy in Britain and Merton Intermediate School in Wisconsin carried out a cross-Atlantic dance contest.

Skype isn't for humans only. At Cameron Park Zoo in Waco, Texas, orangutans Mei and

Mukah are rewarded for completing tasks by being allowed to communicate via Skype with orangutans in other zoos.

The question many ask however is: Is it possible to make money on a business offering free calls? US software maker Microsoft thought so, paying \$8.5 billion for Skype in 2011.

In the 12 months ended on June 30, Microsoft's Entertainment and Devices Division, which includes Skype, reported operating income of \$348 million, up from \$380 million the year before.

Within just a decade, Skype moved from being nowhere to being everywhere. Could the reverse also be true? In an era of rapid transformation, could it be gone again in another decade? It's hard to imagine, according to observers.



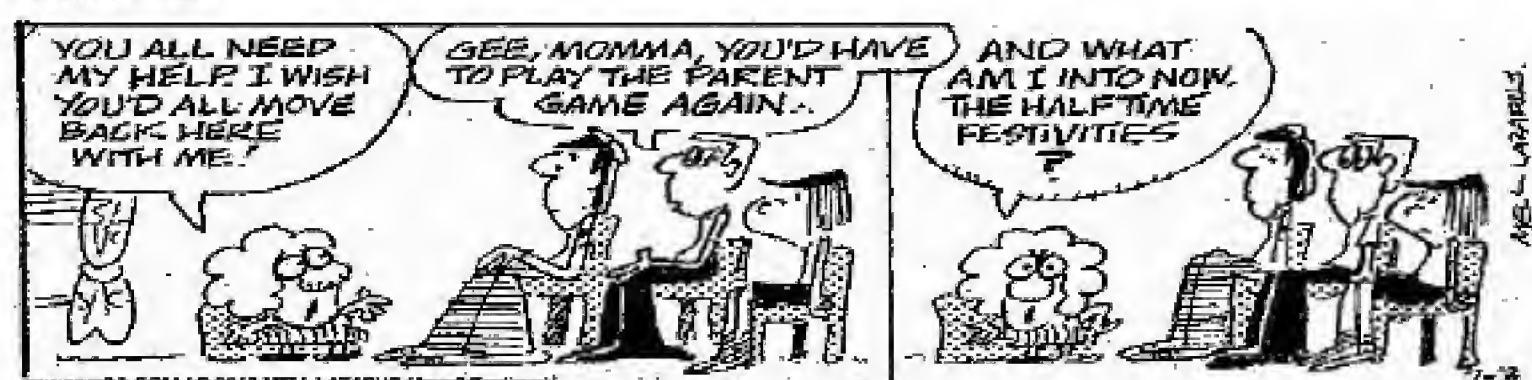
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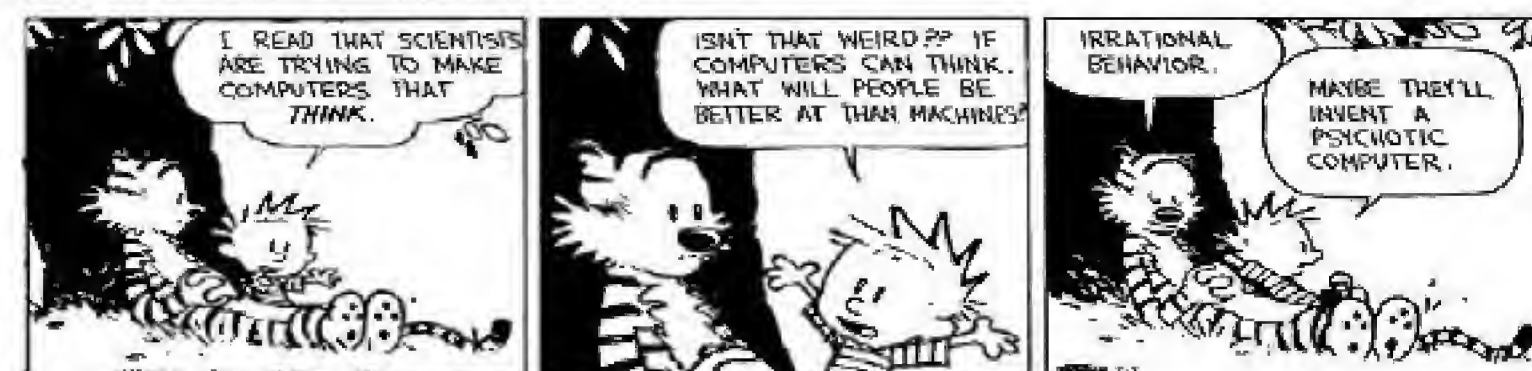
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Merrill Lynch to pay \$160 mn for racial bias: lawyers

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Brokerage Merrill Lynch and its parent Bank of America will pay \$160 million to settle charges it discriminated against African-American employees, lawyers for the employees said Wednesday.

The payout would settle an eight-year-old lawsuit involving 1,200 black brokers who worked at the firm, and would be the largest amount won against a company in a US racial discrimination lawsuit.

Pointing out that Wednesday was the 50th anniversary of civil rights leader Martin Luther King's landmark "I Have a Dream" speech, Suzanne Bish of Chicago law firm Stowell & Friedman said Bank of America and the plaintiffs had reached a deal to resolve the dispute.

The final settlement has not been signed, but a hearing on it has been scheduled for September 3.

"We're working towards a very positive resolution of a lawsuit filed in 2005 and are enhancing opportunities for African-American national advisers," a spokesman for Bank of America and Merrill Lynch told AFP.

The case, originally filed on behalf of 700 black Merrill brokers but finally addressing the complaints of 1,200, argued that because the company's clients were overwhelmingly white, Merrill unfairly denied promotions and valuable accounts to black brokers.

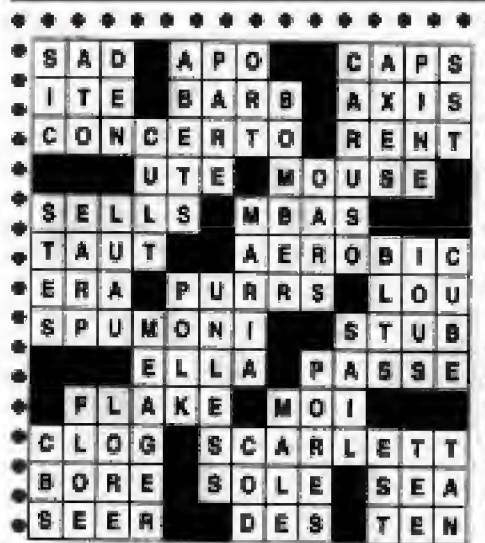
Ironically, Merrill's chairman and chief executive between 2003 and 2007 was an African-American, E. Stanley O'Neal, a veteran of Wall Street finance.

But Bush pointed out that O'Neal climbed the ranks in a different side of the business, investment banking, where blacks did not face the same challenges.

The news of the imminent settlement came on the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and civil rights leader Martin Luther King's clarion call for racial equality.

Standing at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, where King delivered his landmark speech, President Barack Obama told a huge crowd commemorating the event there was a need for "constant vigilance" to fight the forces of bias and discrimination.

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Syria anxiety pushes oil prices higher

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Oil prices Wednesday continued to rise in anticipation of a western crackdown on Syria, propelling the US oil futures contract to the highest level since May 2011.

US benchmark West Texas Intermediate for delivery in October rose \$1.09 to \$110.10 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

European benchmark Brent oil for delivery in October added \$2.25 to close at \$116.61, its highest level since mid-February.

Top officials from the US and its western allies have threatened a military response on Syria in the wake of a purported August 21 chemical weapons Syrian attack on its citizens that left hundreds dead.

A US State Department spokeswoman said the US was considering working with allies on the plan in spite of the Russian opposition at the United Nations Security Council.

"The situation is deteriorat-

ing," said Bart Melek, head of commodity strategy at TD Securities. "We are pricing into the market the probability that the potential conflict in Syria gets escalated beyond their borders."

Carl Larry, analyst at Oil Outlooks and Opinions, said traders are buying oil out of concern of a bigger disruption.

But Greg Priddy, director of global oil at risk consultant Eurasia Group, said the market may reevaluate oil if a military action is completed and is as limited as expected.

Traders are reacting to those "kind of broad Middle East fears that are not necessarily connected to any specific volume of oil, but just that something awful is going to happen," Priddy said.

Wednesday's oil price gain came despite a bearish weekly US oil inventory report. US commercial oil stocks rose by about 3 million barrels, compared to a 300,000 barrel decline forecast by analysts.

Samsonite to spend up to \$1 billion in acquisitions

HONG KONG (AFP) - US luggage maker Samsonite said Wednesday it may acquire up to \$1 billion in Chinese and Asian brands in the next two to three years to diversify its product range.

The announcement came after Samsonite said in a statement that it saw a 17-percent year-on-year net profit increase in the first half brought on by a successful "diversification in terms of brands, products and markets".

The Hong Kong-listed company expects China to become its biggest market in as little as three years, overtaking the US, company chairman Tim Parker told Dow Jones Newswires.

Samsonite saw net sales increase to a record \$983.6 million -- 37.6 percent of its global sales for the first six months of the year came from Asia. It said that 9.5 percent of the sales were in China.

In June last year the firm pulled its Tokyo Chic luggage from stores worldwide after a Hong Kong consumer group found parts contained high levels of chemicals that may cause cancer.

Samsonite raised more than \$225 million in an initial public offering in Hong Kong in June 2011.

By listing in Hong Kong, the luggage maker joined a slew of Western brands seeking to use the southern Chinese city to boost their presence in fast-growing Asian markets.

Walmart

— Walmart, the nation's largest private employer, will soon offer a full suite of benefits to its employees' domestic partners, including those of the same sex. The change will take effect in all 50 states, independent of each state's definition of what marriage, domestic partnership or civil union entails. Walmart spokesperson Randy Hargrove stressed that offering healthcare to LGBT partners is "one piece" of the store chain's updated benefits package, which includes a vision plan, 100% coverage for some surgeries including hip replacement and incentives to quit smoking.

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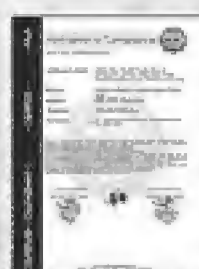
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Heroin, amphetamines head list of problem drugs

PARIS (AFP) - Heroin accounted for more than half of the 78,000 deaths from illegal drugs in 2010, but amphetamine had most addicts, researchers reported in The Lancet on Wednesday.

In a wide-ranging probe into the health impacts from four illicit drugs, a team led by Louisa Degenhardt at Australia's University of New South Wales also found that two-thirds of addicts are men, with the biggest problems emerging in males aged 20 to 29.

More than 55 percent of drug-related deaths in 2010 were caused by opioids, the category which is dominated by heroin, according to their probe.

Adding to the dependence risk from heroin is the peril from injecting drug use, for shared syringes help spread HIV and hepatitis.

The study, based on a new analysis of the vast Global Burden of Disease Study for 2010, predictably found that



cannabis was the most-used illegal drug worldwide.

Like cocaine, it was a smaller source of death and disease compared to heroin and amphetamines, the investigation found.

As for drug addiction, the paper found that 17.2 million people were dependent on amphetamines in 2010, compared to 15.5 million for opioids and

13 million for cannabis.

A regional breakdown of the figures found that rich economies such as the United States, Britain and Australia had 20 times the rate of death and disease compared with the least affected countries. Among developing economies, South Africa stood out as having exceptionally high rates.

Cocaine dependence was highest in North America and Latin America, and Australasia and Western Europe had some of the high rates of heroin dependence, it found.

"Our results clearly show that illicit drug use is an important contributor to the global disease burden," said Degenhardt.

"Although we have fewer

means of responding to some causes of burden, such as cocaine and amphetamine dependence, well-evaluated and effective interventions can substantially reduce two major causes of burden," she said, pointing to addiction to opioids and injecting drug use.

Using high-powered computer modelling, the team estimated that disability and illness caused by the four categories of drugs rose by more than half between 1990 and 2010, a rise partly explained by population growth but also by heroin addiction.

Overall, illicit drug dependence amounted in 2010 to just under one percent of the total global burden of death and illness.

This is only one-tenth of that inflicted by dependence on alcohol and tobacco, which however occurs among far more people.

Ecstasy and LSD were not included in the study, as the data for use of these drugs was often sketchy.



-- Lamar is back home and reportedly ready to listen to his family. The basketball player and his reality star wife Khloe Kardashian are addressing "serious issues" — including Odom's reported drug problems, according to TMZ. A week ago, he rejected an attempted intervention by his wife, leading to his getting kicked to the curb and going off the grid. Friends reached out to Odom Monday at an undisclosed location to address his alleged issues with crack and other drugs. The 33-year-old allegedly became addicted to Oxycodin, a synthetic form of morphine that he preferred to smoke, a source told the celeb site. Last August, the athlete went to a rehab facility for his alleged crack addiction, TMZ reported. He was at the treatment center for three weeks before checking himself out.

At least five dead in South America cold snap

LA PAZ (AFP) - At least five people have died due to a cold snap in South America, which has also killed thousands of cattle and damaged crops, authorities said Wednesday.

In Bolivia, heavy snowfall claimed at least three lives and thousands of families were reeling from a sudden dip in temperatures over the past week, according to regional officials.

Two of the dead were farmers who perished in the high up Ancomilla region of the department of Potosi, according to local mayor Jaime Choque.

Bolivia's Social Defense Ministry ministry said on Tuesday that an earlier victim died trying to save their livestock in the village of Huayllas in the central region of Cochabamba.

Four of the Andean nation's nine departments have suffered bad weather, leaving roads blocked and thousands affected. An official report Tuesday said the snow had hit 15 municipalities, affecting almost 3,500 families.

In neighboring Paraguay, two people died from hypothermia due to the chill that

has also killed 4,000 cattle and affected 30 percent of the country's wheat crops, according to official reports released.

Two adult men died of hypothermia in the departments of Itapua and Caazapa due to the subfreezing temperatures. Two other deaths were recorded in July.


Animal health authorities urged farmers to cremate the cattle carcasses to prevent the meat from being sold illegally.

Agriculture Minister Jorge Gattini warned that losses in wheat crops would result in higher prices.

Zeta-Jones and Douglas 'take a break' from marriage

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Movie stars Catherine Zeta-Jones and her husband Michael Douglas have decided to take a break from their 13-year marriage, according to a report in People magazine Wednesday. "They're taking a break," a source told the entertainment magazine, which reported that neither star had filed for divorce or legal separation. The A-list couple have not been photographed together since April, appearing on red carpets solo and vacationing separately. The pair have faced a tumultuous few years, with the 68-year-old Douglas fighting off throat cancer and Zeta-Jones, 43, undergoing treatment for bipolar disorder. Douglas made waves in June when he attributed his throat cancer to the sexually transmitted Human papillomavirus (HPV), saying he caught it through performing oral sex. He later backtracked, saying he did not know what caused his cancer. The couple married in 2000, and have two children.





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Spend a fun evening with friends at Barney's

A few months ago, Palm Beach welcomed a cozy new place that offers good food, great prices and a uniquely warm, welcoming ambiance that makes patrons feel as if they are visiting with friends rather than just eating out. Even the name, "Barney's", which was inspired by Barney Rubble of the Flintstones, is an expression of the good humor of its owners and your hosts, Ron and Elina.

Ron and Elina have a very congenial division of labor; he enjoys being bartender and playing around with his "cocktail of the day" while she sees to it that everyone is well satisfied with their meal. Chef Jan is in the kitchen doing his magic; patrons praise their spicy Firecracker Shrimp appetizer and mushrooms stuffed with escargot, priced at \$9.50 and \$8.50, or the Smoked Trout Fillet for a real gourmet treat.

They are particularly popular for their "Build Your Own Barney Burger" using specially imported organic



A place where you feel like you are with friends

beef from Holland, guaranteed to have been raised without steroids or antibiotics, only \$9.50 with fries and coleslaw. Patrons are handed a special hamburger checklist, which features a full menu of toppings, sauces and cheeses to customize your order to create the ideal burger. One can also opt for a

second or third hamburger patty for a very nominal cost.

High end items on the menu, such as the Seafood Pasta, are only \$20.50. They also have a kid's menu with favorites such as a Kid's Burger, chicken fingers and Mac & Cheese; most items are only \$4. One regular described the place as particu-

larly "kid-friendly," with Elina, a mother herself, having devised a number of methods to keep young ones entertained. The menu has a range to please patrons who are in the mood for something simple while other can be indulgent gourmands.

Tuesday through Saturday

evenings they have specialty nights at bargain rates. Tuesday is Schnitzel Night, with a choice five different kinds of schnitzel with sauces and toppings, only \$17.50. Wednesday is fresh grouper, prepared any of five ways, with veggies and side dish, \$19.50. Thursday enjoy unlimited ribs done three ways honey, smoked or BBQ, for \$17.50 with salad, slaw and fries. Saturday means endless rib eye steak with coleslaw and fries for \$19.50. Friday evening ends the work week with Karaoke Night, a convivial and fun evening when islanders kick back and let loose their inner rock star.

Barney's is located just next to the huge supermarket on the Palm Beach/Noord road, not far from the gas station. They are open from 5:00 to 11:00 PM and closed on Mondays. Check out their full menu at <http://www.barneysaruba.com> or call 586-5420 for reservations and directions.

Bon Bini or Welcome to Paradise!

--The Mill is the best kept secret of the Palm Beach area. Conveniently located just steps across the famous sandy white beaches of Aruba. This cozy compact low rise resort offers casual elegance and spacious comfort amidst lush tropical gardens at this 185-room resort. Its spacious, comfortable, fully equipped rooms with easy access to the facilities and beautiful free form swimming pools. And staff is sure to keep you coming back.

The Mill Resort & Suites is perfect for people with special needs as it is a compact low rise resort with ground and first floor only, with elevator. So everything is close to each other. The resort is located across the street of the beach and about 10 minutes driving from downtown.

A few luxuries offered at The Mill Suites & Resorts are:

•FOOD AND BEVERAGE:

Effective today the resort has "FREE WIFI" service at the Garden Café Restaurant and Bar area for our Customers. All Customers will receive a password from the servers to connect to the internet for free.



For in Room service and any other public area will still require to buy a WIFI Card to connect to the internet.

•PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

The Mill Resort & Suites is changing the PMS system from Fidelio to IQWARE Inc. The resort is in the process of the installation and configuration and by next week it will start with the training for all employees in the operation department.

The goal is to go live with the new system on September 5th, 2013. With this new system management will have better control of the inventories and will have more accu-



rate information and to facilitate the Front desk with a faster check in and checkout

procedure. It's a innovation with a lot of new technologies and upgrades opportuni-

ties to ensure guests satisfaction and management control.

•SALES AND MARKETING:

A new WEBPAGE for The Mill Resort & Suites is being designed; the goal is to launch the new site by next week August 27th, 2013 This will include new pictures and updated information and possibility to book online directly to the reservation system. Will share more features as soon this is done.

•MAINTENANCE:

The resort is in the process to build two 2 new Bathroom facility next to the Towel Hut service by the Pool area for Guests convenience. The goal is to have this project done by September 30th, 2013

•HOUSEKEEPING:

FREE Coffee in all rooms upon arrival, any refills will be at a fee of \$2.00 this includes coffee, sugar and cream. Juana is the person in charge of any refills.

•HUMAN RESOURCES:

The employees have attended some trainings to improve their skills and ensure more quality service to our Guests. They finished the Aruba certified program and Bartender course and will be attending the Food and Beverage service training very soon.

SPORTS



-- We are en route to the world of football Brazil, 2014. Today we'll continue with a little history of the best defenders of all time who with his talent and skill, contributed greatly to his national team. #9 on our best list is:

Rudolf Jozef Krol, known as Ruud Krol, or Rudi Krol (Amsterdam, Netherlands, March 24, 1949) is a former Dutch football player and coach. It was characterized by its exceptional discipline and efficiency. Bookmarking and close spaces to front rivals.

Krol began his career at Ajax Amsterdam under the tutelage of the legendary Rinus Michels. In his first season at the club enjoyed a few minutes. After the departure of Theo van Duivenbode left in the summer of 1969 to Feyenoord, Krol became a regular in the alignments. When the Ajax won the European Cup in 1971, Krol could not play because he had suffered a broken leg. But he played in the finals of 1972 and 1973, helping the team to its first three titles in the European Cup, consecutively, a fact that allowed the club to get the drink in property. While other stars of that team, as Johan Cruyff and Johan Neeskens, emigrated to other computers, Krol stayed at Ajax until 1980 (later regretted it). Later he went to the NASL to play the Vancouver Whitecaps Canada, where he remained only one season. Then he signed for

Italian Napoli where he played for four seasons. His last club before retiring was the French Cannes. He retired from playing football in 1986.

Internationally, Krol participated in 83 times with the Dutch national team. He made his debut in 1969 against England, leaving the team in 1983. It was a key component of Total Football team in the 70s. Defense versatile, he could play any position in defense or midfield. In the 1974 World Cup, held in Germany, which reached the final Netherlands.

Krol initially played as a left with distinction, making the play of Cruyff goal against Brazil. Stumbled on the last hurdle, losing 2-1 to Germany in the final of the Olympic Stadium in Munich.

As he approached the 1978 World Cup, to be held in Ar-

gentina, Krol had changed its role side by libero, and wore the captain's armband after Cruyff's refusal to play again with the selection (was upset by the concentrations Dutch Federation mandatory and disagree with the policy of successive Argentine governments that violated some human rights). Krol did a great tournament, but was not able to avoid a second defeat in the World Cup final. This time, the Netherlands was defeated by the hosts 3-1. Krol played as captain of Netherlands Euro 1980, where the team was disappointed, being dismantled from the competition in the first round by West Germany and Czechoslovakia. Netherlands also failed to qualify for the World Cup in Spain, in 1982. Krol played part of qualifying for Euro France in 1984, playing his last international match in 1983 and losing to Spain. The only player who has overcome his brand of caps has been Aron Winter, who did it during Euro Netherlands and Belgium in 2000.

Serena Williams's Match Postponed as U.S. Open Shuffles Schedule



NEW YORK - Serena's Williams second-round match at the U.S. Open tennis championship has been pushed back for today as about five hours of rain delays yesterday have forced organizers to shuffle the schedule of play.

Only five singles matches have been completed this afternoon at the National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, where play has resumed at the season's final Grand Slam tournament.

Agnieszka Radwanska, the No. 3 seed from Poland, beat

Maria-Teresa Torro-Flor of Spain 6-0, 7-5 and will face Russia's No. 32-seeded Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova in the third round. Pavlyuchenkova beat Australian wild-card entrant Ashleigh Barty 6-4, 6-0. No. 18 seed Carla Suarez Navarro of Spain beat American qualifier Coco Vandeweghe 6-3, 6-4.

Lin Na, the 31-year-old 2011 French Open winner from China and seeded No. 5 in New York this year, beat Sofia Arvidsson of Sweden 6-2, 6-2 before the rain delay.

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RCA, Dakota and Estrella on to semi-finals in Copa Don Elias!



-- The Don Elias Cup games organized by RCA began last Friday at the Frans Figaroa Stadium in Noord. Several of the teams who played on Friday to Sunday were superb. The audience was enchanted with the performance of the players. RCA won the Brazil Jrs. 2 - 1, after which Estrella beat Britannia 2 - 1. This Saturday the battle between La Fama and Dakota is scheduled to begin.

Estrella, Dakota and RCA will classify for the finals where Real Rincon from Bonaire will arrive on Aruba to battle against them on Saturday and Sunday at the CD Frans Figaroa.

Fans are invited to come and see this tremendous game and find out who they will meet for the game next Saturday.



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Rafaela Silva gave hosts Brazil their first gold medal of the World Judo Championships on Wednesday taking the -57 kilogramme title as she beat American Marti Malloy in Rio de Janeiro. Silva, 21 and silver medalist in 2011, defeated Malloy by ippon in less than a minute and immediately threw herself on the mat in celebration. For Silva it was her first global title, having failed to produce her top form at last year's Olympics where she bowed out in the early rounds. Despite the speed of her defeat in the final, Malloy could also celebrate as she is the first American woman to reach a world final. Slovenia's Viora Bedeti and Miryam Roper of Germany won the bronze medals.

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Giants Baseball Organization Sports new Uniform

-- Last Friday during a presentation at the Paseo Herencia Plaza, the Giants Baseball Organization handed out their brand new uniforms to their 6 teams. At the event a large number of players and their families gathered at the plaza. During an official ceremony the president, Mr. Benjamin Francees thanked Compra Ltd for their loyal sponsorship of the Giants Baseball Organization. Compra Ltd. In this way is instrumental in helping to develop young Aruban baseball players.

Francees also thanked his manager and coaches and the parents' Commission who work very hard for the organization. The children of course were the main focus of the event. Everyone was in a festive mood and was very grateful to Compra Ltd for their

support of the Giants Organization.

Hubert Dirkz of Compra Ltd expressed during his speech how proud they are of their sponsorship in the wake of their 65th anniversary. The uniforms are the design of

Rekha Croes-Daryanani who also designed the new logo of the Giants.

We join in congratulating the Giants for their new logo and attractive new uniforms...keep up the good work with our young baseballers.



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East	W	L	Pct	GB	East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	78	55	.586	—	ATLANTA	79	52	.603	—
TAMPA	74	56	.569	2.5	WASHINGTON	66	65	.504	13.0
BALTIMORE	70	60	.538	6.5	PHILADELPHIA	60	72	.455	19.0
YANKEES	70	62	.530	7.5	NY METS	59	71	.454	19.5
TORONTO	59	74	.444	19.0	MIAMI	49	81	.377	29.5
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	77	55	.583	—	ST. LOUIS	78	54	.591	—
CLEVELAND	71	60	.542	5.5	PITTSBURGH	76	55	.580	1.5
KANSAS	67	64	.511	9.5	CINCINNATI	74	59	.556	4.5
MINNESOTA	57	73	.438	19.0	MILWAUKEE	58	73	.443	19.5
CHICAGO	55	76	.420	21.5	CHICAGO	56	76	.424	22.0
West	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	77	55	.583	—	DODGERS	77	55	.583	—
OAKLAND	74	57	.565	2.5	ARIZONA	68	63	.519	8.5
LA ANGELES	59	71	.454	17.0	COLORADO	62	72	.463	16.0
SEATTLE	59	72	.450	17.5	SAN FRANCISCO	59	73	.447	18.0
HOUSTON	44	87	.336	32.5	SAN DIEGO	59	73	.447	18.0

x-Clinched Playoff Spot; y-Division Champ

Athletics: Bolt headlines creme de la creme at Zurich

ZURICH (AFP) - Jamaican sprint sensation Usain Bolt will headline a sparkling line-up for the Zurich leg of the Diamond League today.

Fans at the Letzigrund Stadium will witness 17 new world champions, 17 world leaders, 15 reigning Olympic champions, and 5 current world record holders in action.

Bolt, who will race the 100m, will be joined by teammate Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, who also won the sprint double at this month's World Athletics Championships in Moscow.

Reconfirming his credentials as one of global sports' biggest draws, Bolt visited the Swiss headquarters of football's world governing body, FIFA, ahead of the track meet.

The 27-year-old self-avowed Manchester United fan was invited to attend next year's World Cup by FIFA president Sepp Blatter.

Back on the track, there is a rare clash of two queens of long-distance running, Tirunesh Dibaba and Meseret Defar.

The Moscow worlds were deprived of a head-to-head after the Ethiopian federation decided neither would be entered for the 5,000-10,000m double.

As it was, Defar won the 5,000m title and Dibaba the longer distance. Thursday's race will be their first competitive outing at a meet in seven years.

Other recently-crowned world champions on show include American 400m runner LaShawn Merritt, Kenyan duo Asbel Kiprop (1500m) and Ezekiel Kemboi (3000m steeplechase), American David Oliver (110m hurdles) and informal Ukrainian high jumper Bohdan Bondarenko.

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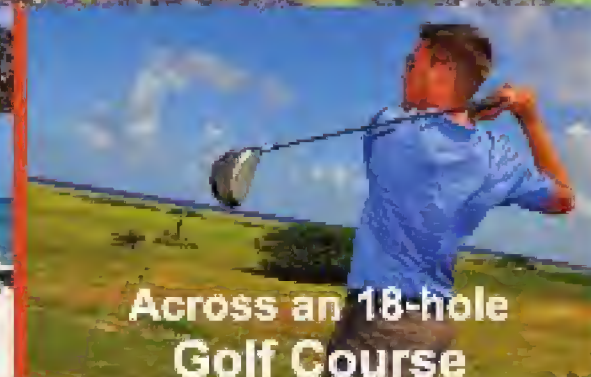
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Football: I deserve players' title as much as Messi, Ronaldo - Ribery

BERLIN (AFP) - Bayern Munich's Franck Ribery claims he deserves to be named European Player of the Year as much as the other two contenders for today's award - Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo.

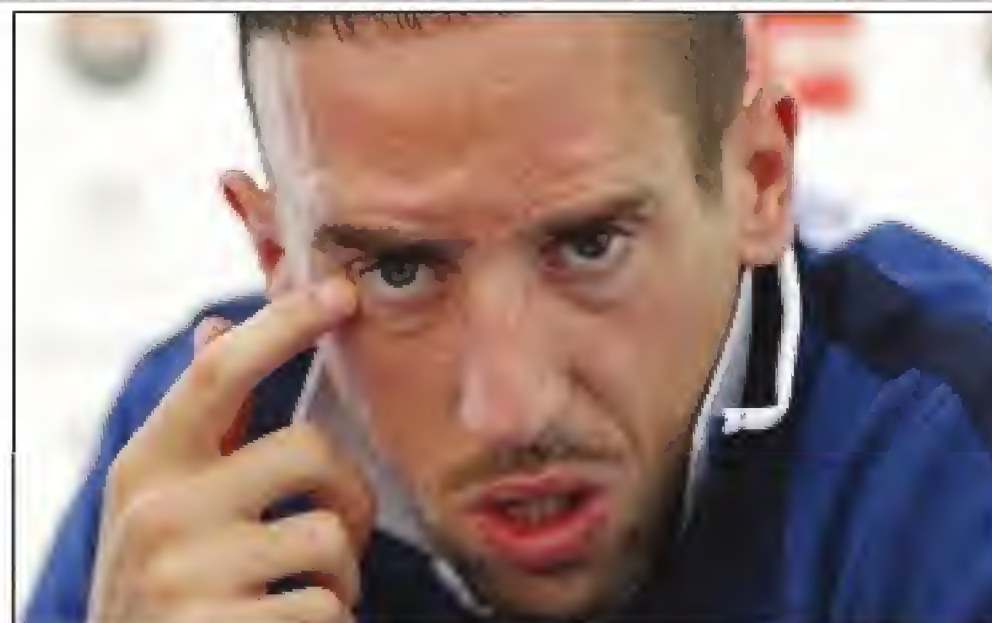
Ribery made the shortlist for the UEFA honour after a 2012/2013 campaign in which the France international helped Bayern to a historic treble of League, Cup

and Champions League titles.

And discussing his prospects he told Monday's edition of Kicker magazine: "I've dreamed about this title for a long time.

"Last season I played really well and won huge titles. Why shouldn't I win it? I deserve it as much as the other two.

"Already I'm very happy to be among the finalists. But when you have a season like



mine you want to be rewarded by such an honour."

Asked to compare his ability with that of Messi and Ronaldo the 30-year-old added: "Each has their own qualities. What (Messi and Ronaldo) do for sure better than me is score goals. They score more often than me, but I set up more goals (than them)."